

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Shimoji et al.
App. No : 10/564,874
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For : SUTURE REINFORCEMENT MATERIAL FOR AUTOMATIC SUTURING DEVICE
Examiner : Orkin, Alexander
Art Unit : 4138

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed September 18, 2008 in the above-identified application. Applicants submit the following items for consideration in connection with the application.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.